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JUNE/JULY

1972

Dear Friends,

By now most of you will have heard the news that I have accepted an invitation to become minister at the Tabernacle Congregational Church, Dursley, Gloucestershire. It has been no easy task coming to this decision. Mrs. Jenkins and I know all about the heartbreak of telling you all, especially as our ministry here has been most happy. Nor has it been very easy facing you all in the last few weeks, knowing that all this was in the offing. The Induction service at Dursley will be on Saturday, August 26th probably at 3.30 pm. I know that the next three months will go very quickly, and still there is much to fit in.

A pastor's relationship with his people is something which deepens over the years. It needs time and prayer to enrich, so that confidences can be kept mutually, and help can be given in time of need. At this time my heartfelt feelings go out to the elderly and housebound of our churches. These are the people who have done much to help build up my own faith in times of insecurity and doubt. The occasional letter that comes to thank you for a visit, the uncanny feeling that comes as you turn up on a doorstep only to find that you have come at precisely the right time, the reassurance that you feel as you listen to the story of someone else's life:- these things are the lifeblood of the ministry of the church. I am going to miss the relationships that have become deep and meaningful. It is only at times like these that you realise that a minister is not beyond being ministered unto. His faith is constantly put on trial. When people reveal Christlike qualities and sacrifice, his faith is encouraged. When people are stubborn and unresponsive, his faith is put to the test. I know how much I owe to all of you who have been loyal and kind.

Many other things will be said, before the end of August. One of the members of staff in the Congregational College once said to me: "The right time

to leave is when you're happiest.
That is not easy, but it has turned out to be
prophecy. Oddly enough, the man concerned has
written more than one book on Old Testament
prophecy!

God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins.

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IN MEMORIAM

JACK SCHOFIELD of 16 Deanhead Summit, Littleborough,
Church Secretary of Summit Congregational Church,
passed away in Birch Hill on Wednesday, May 17th.
Mr. Schofield will be missed from Summit Church,
where he has served loyally and faithfully over
many years. The sympathy and condolences of the
two churches are extended to Mrs. Schofield and
to all the relatives.

ELIZA ELLEN HUGHES of 13 Sherrif Street, Milnrow,
passed away in Birch Hill on Wednesday 24th May at
the age of 73. Mrs. Hughes was a kind and sincere
friend of the church, and will be missed by us all.
The funeral service was conducted by the minister.
Our sympathy is extended to all her relatives and
friends.

ALFRED HEATON of 8 Beechfield Road, Milnrow,
passed away in Birch Hill on Sunday 28th May.
The funeral service was conducted by our minister.
Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

HOLY BAPTISM

REBECCA ANNE JONES, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Glyn
Jones of 63 Shaw Road, Newhey, was baptised at
St. Stephen's on Sunday May 7th, our minister
officiating.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

June 4th	Mrs. B. Webber	July 2nd	Mrs. L. Rawling
11th	Mrs. E. Beattie	9th	Mrs. A. Tither
	Mrs. D. Law	16th	Mrs. P. Chadwick
	Mrs. C. Wilkinson		Counc. A. Wood
18th	Mrs. B. Metcalfe	23rd	Miss A. Clegg
25th	-		Mrs. C. Armstrong
		30th	Mrs. Millington

Aug. 6th Mrs. J. Harriosn & Mrs. N. Settle

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS - as Littleborough

with the addition of:-

June 18th ONE GOD - MANY INSTRUMENTS
1 Cor. 3: 1-7; 18-23
25th THE COMPANY OF THE FUTURE
Isaih 42: 1-9

GOING ON HOLIDAY?

Please remember to bring a small gift back for
the Holiday Gift Stall at the Michaelmas Market.

Bask in the sun at the

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY

GARDEN PARTY

at the Heaton Street residence
of

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on

SATURDAY 15th July * 3.0 pm. * 15p

See the ornamental gardens and wishing well -
Take Afternoon Tea in the Peaceful Vale of M62 -
Try your luck st "Knock-the copper's-'at off"
and other side shows -

To say nothing of: Bring & Buy - Cake Stall -
and Photos by 'Ron of Serbia'

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

After their earlier talk on mountaineering the men's 21 Club went to the other extreme this month with a lecture on "Pot-Holing." The speaker was the well-known church secretary from Littleborough; none other than Mr. Bill Griffiths, himself. Aided by slides and a large collection of tangible visual aids he held his audience spell bound for about an hour.

This was a first rate evening and it was a great pity there were so few there. Do try to make that extra effort to attend the next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER AND GAS SPEAKER

Mrs. B. Tawse, a retired teacher of mentally handicapped children, gave an interesting talk on the problems of such children at the Ladies Guild on May 2nd. Her talk was fascinating and, at times, most moving.

Tuesday 6th June is Gas Night at the Guild, for there will be a cookery demonstration given by the N.W.G.B. Turn up at high speed, girls, because this will be your last meeting before the rally on July 18th.

& ONE TWO THREE

THRIFT

The Thrift Shop on 11th and 12th May raised over £123. Thanks to all those who helped in various ways; providing goods, transport, selling and including those who sold coffee at each session to raise £5 for Christian Aid.

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The collection for CHRISTIAN AID WEEK raised £55.46 in the area covered by St. Stephen's. Our thanks are extended to all those who helped to distribute and collect envelopes. Grand total...£60.46

"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SENIOR DEPARTMENT HIGH! JACKIE"

By our special reporter, Yvonne Fursey.

"On Saturday, 13th May the Senior Department had a trip to York... We visited the Railway Museum and then walked to Lendal Bridge where we began our river trip. We travelled $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles downstream and on the way back a boy on a bicycle tried to race us along the river bank. He stopped once to pull his pants up and again to climb over a fence, bike an' all. At the terminus he was rewarded for giving us all a laugh with an orange and some Polo mints.

"We then walked to the Castle Museum where we saw the Kirk Collection and the Debtor's Prison. There were "Streets" with old fashioned shops and a water-mill which ground flour. Later on we split up; some went shopping, others walked round the city walls, and others stayed in the museum. At 6.0 p.m. we collected at the Shambles for our meal.....

Susan Mellor takes up the story.

"One table held six of us but I don't think it was safe enough because it went down in the middle and I thought it was going to collapse when it wobbled.

"It was a hectic journey back because that was the day of the "go slow" for railway men, and although we caught a train from York we missed the last train from Leeds by seconds.

.....'What are we going to do now?'

'Sleep on the platform I suppose!'

"Anyway after a while a railway man who was borrowing a train to take himself home to Manchester, did us a favour, but at Manchester we were stranded again so Mr. Royle borrowed Judith's bow and arrow and the driver 'co-operated' and took us to Rochdale Phew! wasn't I glad..... We can't wait for the next trip."

FOR BOTH CHURCHES

YOUTH WEEKEND - JUNE 10th and 11th

Saturday June 10th

RAMBLE UP BACK O' LITTLEBOROUGH

Beginning at 11.00 am. at Littleborough Congregational Church. Please bring sandwich lunch. The ramble will probably be in the form of a Treasure Hunt, with various clues on the journey.

DISCO

This starts at 7.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and all our young people are invited (lower age limit 11 years). Each young person will be allowed to bring two friends to this Disco.

Sunday June 11th

UNITED SERVICE

11.00 am. at St. Stephen's, Milnrow. The young people will help conduct the service. This is a UNITED SERVICE, and transport will be provided for Littleborough folk. Please be at the Church for 10.30 am.

6.00 p.m. Communion service at Littleborough will conclude the weekend for Littleborough young people.

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ROCHDALE HOLIDAYS

During the Rochdale holidays, morning worship will be held at St. Stephen's on Sunday 18th and 25th of June. The Littleborough church will be closed, but members of the congregation are invited to worship at Milnrow.

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LITTLEBOROUGH NEWS

EVERY PERSON CANVAS - July 9th-15th

What it is: A visitation campaign of all members and adherents of the Church with the aim of encouraging people to look again at what they give to the work of the church in terms of 'TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE.'

This will entail filling in a questionnaire. Not all the questions will apply to everyone. We do hope that people will conscientiously fill in the relevant sections of the form.

One of the purposes of the canvas is to get the church finances onto a stronger footing. The freewill offering system will be revised and people will be asked to think about pledging a certain amount each week.

The canvas is also aimed at providing the right personnel for the United Reformed Church. If you are able to help in any part of the church activities, then please volunteer.

When it is: July 9th-15th. There will be a special dedication service at the beginning of the canvas on Sunday 9th July at 6.0 p.m. After this service, people acting as volunteers will be briefed.

How you can help:

- 1) By acting as Church visitors for the week. This entails taking out a number of questionnaires and collecting them, helping where necessary in their completion.
- 2) By receiving the visitors warmly and cordially.
- 3) By asking God to bless the campaign, and analysing how we can help the future church practically.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EDUCATED

The speaker for the April meeting of the Men's Fellowship was Alderman Cyril Smith of Rochdale, who gave an interesting talk on "Education."

He dealt with all age groups from playgroups to adult education, and gave an insight into what education of the future may be like.

Mr. Nairn expressed thanks on behalf of the members and supper was served and enjoyed by all.

ANOTHER PILOTS' CABARET

.....If you remember the last one - you won't miss this.....Another evening to remember - another treat of a lifetime.....so.....don't miss.....

.....THURSDAY - 8th JUNE - 7.15 p.m.

IT'S THE PILOTS' OPEN NIGHT with
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..... to say nothing of.....

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It could be you! Even if it isn't this
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(Just a teeny collection)

ONE VOLUNTEER IS.....

...Mrs. Joan Grindrod, who at the May Birthday supper, offered to serve as the sick visitor. Anyone who wishes to contact Mrs. Grindrod can find her conveniently in the Creche on Sunday mornings, when she will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of any sick guild members who would appreciate a visit.

C.O. 1.2

Unit One...MISSION CONTROL REPORTS.....

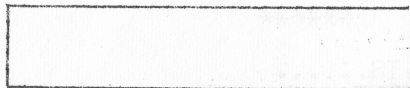
....Satellite CCVM 1 scheduled to "Splash Down Sunday morning, 11th June.....Mission Control thanks.....all earthlings who have filled up spaces on their collecting cards and all those who have helped to feed the rocket week by week.....

Unit Two.....Earthlings may find it hard to believe but missionaries really and truly may soon be using a genuine, not make-believe satellite. PEACESAT, which means pan-Pacific Education And Communication Experiments by SATellite is installing a ground station at the University of South Pacific as an educational and engineering experiment. Churches are being invited to beam programmes to Hawaii, New Guinea, Fiji or New Zealand. This is not the usual or traditional picture of missionary work, but it does provide a new sort of challenge to those who preach the gospel across the seas.

Unit Three... The following message has been received from MEWS (Milnrow Early Warning System): Missionary Boxes will be collected in on Sunday 9th July...Message ends.

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Hold this rectangle to your face
and blow on it.



If it turns BROWN, see your dentist!
If it turns PURPLE, see your psychiatrist!
If it turns RED, see your banker!
If it turns BLACK, see your undertaker!
If it does not change colour, you are in good health and there is no reason why you should not be in church next Sunday.

A CLERGYMAN PRAYS

Lord God, blessed forever, source of all love and grace, I turn to you now, to find the serenity you alone can give, the peace that passes all understanding.

Voices are always surrounding, claiming, directing, imploring, accusing, and my voice too is strident.

Let me be quiet, and listen, so that you may speak.

Speak to me in miracle - in the wonders of human courage, and hope, and endurance, and sacrifice, that I meet in such extraordinary 'ordinary' people.....

Speak to me in Spirit - in the mysteries beyond my comprehension, in the faith that defies all mortal order, in the resurrection truth.....

Speak to me in joy - in laughter, in human warmth, in triumph over pain, in experience of beauty.

Speak, O Lord, that I may listen, and then tell.

A PRAYER

O lord we deceive ourselves
that we have many masters, many priorities.
when we have but two.....
Save us from ourselves
that we may truly serve you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHURCH DUTIES - HILMROW

FAMILY WORSHIP DOOR STEWARDS

June	4th	Mrs. F. Whitworth	Mrs. J. Duffy
	11th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
	18th)	To be arranged	
	25th)		
July	2nd	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mrs. L. Rawling
	9th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
	16th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mrs. F. Butterworth
	23rd	Mr. D. Fursey	Miss M. Wood
	30th	Counc. J. Harrison	Counc. I. Royle

DEACONS ROTA

EVENING DOOR STEWARDS

PIANIST/LOECANIST

EVENING WORSHIP

June	4th	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mrs. C. Hey
	11th	Mrs. A. Scaddon	Mr. J. Emmott
	18th	NO EVENING WORSHIP	
	25th	NO EVENING WORSHIP	
July	2nd	Mr. B. Clough	Mr. D. Logan
	9th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mrs. C. Hey
	16th	Mrs. E. Gillon	Mr. J. Emmott
	23rd	Mr. H. Whitehead	Mr. D. Logan
	30th	Mr. K. Hey	Mr. J. Emmott

COMMUNION ROTA

June	4th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mr. A. Roberts
July	2nd	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. J. Emmott
	30th	Mr. R. Gillon	Mr. K. Hey

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

June	4th	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. D. Hey
	11th	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. Greenhalgh
	18th		
	25th		
July	2nd	Mrs. E. Garside	Mrs. J. Calow
	9th	Mrs. A. Whitworth	Mrs. N. Settle
	16th	Mrs. D. Howarth	Mrs. M. Mellor
	23rd	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts
	30th	Mrs. C. Clough	Mrs. P. Royle

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed
are expected to find a suitable substitute.

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MILNRW DIARY

June

Sun. 4th 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 6.00 pm. " (Communion)
 Mon. 5th 6.30 pm. Pilots
 7.30 pm. M.M. Committee
 Tues. 6th 7.30 pm. WOMEN'S GUILD -
 Cookery Demo. N.W.G.B.
 Sat. 10th 11.00 am. Youth Ramble at Littleborough
 7.30 pm. "Disco" at St. Stephen's
 Sun. 11th 11.00 am. United Worship (Youth Wekkend)
 6.00 pm. Mr. R. Birtwistle
 Mon. 12th 6.30 pm. Pilots
 Wed. 14th 7.30 pm. Deacons' Meeting
 Sun. 18th 11.00 am. Mr. A. Roberts) No Evening
 Sun. 25th 11.00 am. Mrs. E. Cillon) Services

July

Sun. 2nd 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 6.00 pm. " (Communion)
 Tues. 4th 7.30 pm. Women's Guild
 Sun. 9th 11.00 am. Mr. D. Nuttall
 (C.C.W.M. Boxes Received)
 6.00 pm. Mr. Boyton
 Wed. 12th 7.30 pm. Deacons' Meeting
 Sat. 15th 2.30 pm. Garden Party at 14 Heaton St.
 Sun. 16th 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 6.00 pm. "
 Tues. 18th 7.30 pm. Ladies Rally at Milnrw
 Sun. 23rd 11.00 am. Mr. Baxter
 6.00 pm. Rev. G. Jenkins
 Wed. 26th 8.00 pm. Church Meeting
 Sun. 30th 11.00 am. Rev. G. Jenkins (Family Comm.)
 6.00 pm. "

OFFERTORIES

	<u>Cash</u>		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
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March	£16.23	£12.69	£79.17	£108.09
April	£21.89	£ 2.18	£71.36	£ 95.33

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

June

Sun. 4th 10.30 am. Mr. J. Lord
 (Missionary Boxes Received)
 Tues. 6th 7.30 pm. Women's Guild - Mrs. R. Giffin
 Sat. 10th 7.30 pm. "Disco" at Milnrow
 Sun. 11th 11.00 am. YOUTH SERVICE AT MILNROW
 6.00 pm. Rev. G. Jenkins (Communion)
 Sun. 18th) CHURCH CLOSED - Annual Holidays
 Sun. 25th) Morning services at Milnrow.

July

Sun. 2nd 10.30 am. Counc. W. Edwards J.P.
 Tues. 4th 7.30 pm. Women's Guild
 Thurs. 6th) Festival of Flowers
 Fri. 7th) (Providence Cong. Church, Middleton)
 Sun. 9th 10.30 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 6.00 pm. " (Communion)
 Sun. 9th-Sat. 15th - Every Person Canvas
 Sun. 16th 10.30 am. Mr. W. Brisk
 Sat. 22nd Family Church Trip to Todmorden Park
 Sun. 23rd 10.30 am. Rev. G. Jenkins
 (Family Communion)
 Sun. 30th 10.30 am. Mr. J. Lord

August

Sun. 6th 10.30 am. Mr. T.L. Baxter

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

June 4th	Mrs. Stott	June 18th & 25th
11th	Mrs. Reed	Church Closed
July 2nd	Mrs. F. Simpson	
9th	Mrs. J.A. Leach	
16th	Mrs. Stott	
23rd	Mrs. Beattie	
30th	Mrs. Marvolly	
Aug. 6th	Mrs. D. Leach	

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April 23rd	£3.55	£2.18
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May 7th	£9.63	£2.42
14th	£8.87½	3.06½

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

June 4th	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. A. Booth	
11th	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. F. Simpson	6.0 pm.
July 2nd	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Ingham	
9th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. J. Hill	10.30 am.
	Mr. Simpson	Mr. Holt	6.00 pm.
16th	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. Barker	
23rd	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Booth	
30th	Mr. J. Hill	Mr. Nairn	
Aug. 6th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Barker	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

June 11th	Mr. Simpson	Mr. Nairn
July 9th	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Beattie

COFFEE ROTA

June 4th	B. Griffiths	V. Crossley
July 2nd	W. Spinks	J. Hobbs
9th	B. Hartley	S. Moss
16th	P. Lightfoot	K. Hill
23rd	L. Butterworth	J. Law
30th	A. Merrick	E. Booth
Aug. 6th	B. Griffiths	V. Crossley

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

June 4th	"Facts that matter"	
	Acts 10: 34-43	Steven Moss
11th	"Growing up in Christ"	
	Eph. 4: 4-15	Elizabeth Leach
July 2nd	"The Account Begins"	
	Mark 1: 1-11	Mrs. C. Hill
9th	"A Story about Jesus"	
	Mark 6: 30-42	Martin Law
16th	"A Story Jesus Told"	
	Mark 4: 1-9	Mrs. Vincent
23rd	"A Unique Event"	
	Mark 16: 1-8	Carol Mallinson
30th	"The Epilogue"	
	Mark 16: 9-20	Mrs. Lightfoot
Aug. 6th	"Old and Young Together"	
	Zech. 8: 1-6	Mrs. K. Hill

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